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PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATE MacKENZIE DIES SUDDENLY

ONE of Shrinedom's most esteemed and honored Nobles, Past Imperial Potentate Morley E. MacKenzie died suddenly Sunday morning, November 3 at his home at 14 Rose Park Crescent, Toronto, Ontario.

Illustrious Noble MacKenzie was the first native born Canadian to be elected Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America. He was one of the youngest Imperial Potentates of the Shrine and was truly one of God's Noblemen, dispensing cordiality and good fellowship wherever he traveled.

During his term of office as Imperial Potentate from July, 1943 to July, 1944 he traveled many thousands of miles visiting Shrine Temples in all parts of the continent. He had many close friends in Aleppo Temple and made two visitations to our oasis as Imperial Potentate, traveling to Boston for the express purpose of representing the Imperial Council at a "Golden Anniversary" dinner given in honor of the 50-year members of Aleppo by Noble William E. Smith at Smith House, Cambridge, Mass. The Imperial Potentate, in his remarks at that time told the group of 50-year members of Aleppo that he had never witnessed such an interesting Shrine occasion and that although he had visited nearly all of the 159 Shrine Temples in North America during his year as Imperial Potentate, this innovation was the most unique and outstanding occasion he had ever attended. In view of this fact he advised the Nobles present that he would make a report on this remarkable event in his annual report to the Imperial Council and assured them he would mention this gathering in his printed proceedings covering his term of office as Imperial Potentate.

Illustrious Noble MacKenzie was born in Corinth, Ont., October 29, 1890 and spent his entire business and public life in that general section.

At the time of his death, Illustrious Noble MacKenzie was Director and General Sales Manager of the Calvert Distillers Corp. of Canada, Ltd.

Apparently destined for a banking career he entered the Traders' Bank in 1907 at the age of 17 years as junior clerk. He later served for two years as inspector of the Royal Bank of Canada, from its

head office. After being appointed Manager of the Royal Bank of Canada at Tweed, Ont., and subsequently becoming Manager of the same bank at Burlington, Ont., Young MacKenzie retired from the Royal Bank in 1921 after approximately 15 years' service, to organize the Ontario Savings Office, remaining with this institution as Director until 1935 when he retired to join the Calvert Distillers.

A man of tremendous energy and enthusiasm, Morley MacKenzie had friends



PAST IMPERIAL POTENTATE
MORLEY E. MacKENZIE

in many walks of life. He was a baseball enthusiast and one of the most active members of the Baseball Boosters' Club. He recently was elected Vice-President of the newly formed Toronto Huskies Basketball club and attended the first game at Maple Leaf Gardens two nights prior to his death. He found a great deal of pleasure in his club affiliations and held membership in the following outstanding clubs of his country: National Club, Granite Club, Canadian National Yacht Club, the York Downs Golf and Country Club,

Board of Trade, Scottish Rite Club of Hamilton, and the Caledon Mountain Trout and Country Club.

Illustrious Noble MacKenzie was thoroughly devoted to Masonry and its allied or correlated activities. He was made a Mason in Tweed Lodge, Tweed, Ont., in 1917 and became a charter member of Bay of Quinte Lodge, Toronto, later on, and became its Master in 1926. He was also the first Master of Kingsway Lodge in 1934. His talents were recognized in larger spheres, and he was elected District Deputy Grand Master, Toronto District "B" in 1929. He was also elected to the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and later served for several years as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He was also an honorary member of a number of Masonic Lodges in Toronto.

Illustrious Noble MacKenzie was a tower of strength to the Shrine Temples of Canada. He was elected a Representative to the Imperial Council from Rameses Temple in 1931 and has been regularly elected each year thereafter. He was Potentate of his Temple for the years 1933, 1934 and 1935. He was elected Imperial Outer Guard of the Imperial Council at its Session held in Minneapolis in 1934. Among his other fraternal activities are the Scottish Rite, the Royal Arch Chapter and the Royal Order of Jesters. He was a Past Director of Toronto Court No. 83, Royal Order of Jesters.

Illustrious Noble MacKenzie was active in all municipal welfare activities, and was always willing to do his full share and more to brighten and enrich the pathways of those who might need his services.

Illustrious Noble MacKenzie was married in 1916 to Miss Florence Barbara Edwards, the attractive daughter of the late Rev. George Edwards and his wife, of Montreal, Canada. Mrs. MacKenzie is affectionately known in the Imperial Council as "Miss Flo." She has a host of warm and admiring friends who have greeted her as she traveled over the Jurisdiction with her distinguished husband.

He leaves his wife, his 96-year-old mother, a brother Herbert, and a sister, Mrs. Burton Robinson of Corinth.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's United Church, Tuesday evening, November 5 at 8.30 p.m.

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Illustrious Potentate

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 CLOSING
DATE FOR FILING PETITIONS**

DUE to the large number of candidates expected for our big fall Ceremonial to be held Friday, November 29, the Illustrious Potentate has ordered that all petitions to be balloted upon at the business meeting at 4:00 P.M. November 29 shall be in the hands of the Recorder not later than 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 26. This order has been issued to allow the listing and checking of all petitions before the time of balloting as well as to allow printing and distributing at the business meeting, the names of candidates to be balloted upon.

Therefore, the Nobility are at this time advised that in accordance with the notice as published in the call for the meeting on page 3 of this issue that no petitions will be received after 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 26.

SHRINE SERVICEMEN FETED

A BANQUET honoring the 447 Nobles of Aleppo Temple who served in the Armed Forces during World War II was given by Illustrious Potentate Lionel G. H. Palmer at the Statler Hotel, Thursday, October 31.

Nearly 300 of the veterans were present to enjoy a social previous to the dinner which gave them a chance to talk over old times spent in the Shrine before joining the Service as well as experiences while in the Armed Forces.

Following the dinner Past Potentate and Imperial 2nd Ceremonial Master Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. spoke briefly bringing the greetings of Shrinedom of North America to the Nobles who had offered their services to our Country in its conflict with the dictator nations.

The evening closed with an hour and a half stage show.

A checkup of the men in the service reveals some very interesting data revealing the fact that of the 447 veterans, 356 designated the various branches of the armed service of which 208 served in the

Army, 119 in the Navy, 21 in the Coast Guard, 2 in the Marines, and 6 in the Merchant Marines. Eleven of these Nobles have demitted from Aleppo Temple since their war service, their permanent addresses being in another Shrine jurisdiction where they have affiliated their membership.

Other interesting facts gleaned from the information gathered by the Recorder's office reveals that one member of Aleppo Temple, Joseph Aborn, was taken a Prisoner of War during the Battle of the Bulge in Europe and the fact that 43 of Aleppo's members participated in both World Wars I and II. The following seven Nobles have service during further campaigns. Chief Electricians Mate Enos W. Ginn has a total of 46 years service dating from 1898 to 1944 during which time he served in the Spanish War, Philippine Campaign, China World Wars I and II. Col. Henry B. Barry served in the Philippine Campaign, Cuban Pacification, World Wars I and II, for a total of 45 years from 1899 to 1944. Chief Boatswain Oscar Leo has 43 years service dating from 1897 to 1938 and 1942 to 1944. Lt. Arthur E. LeGros has 35 years of service from 1898 to 1929 and 1941 to 1945 during which time he served in Central America, the West Indies, Mexican War, and World Wars I and II. Lt. Col. William E. Moore also has 35 years service dating from 1905 to 1917 and 1921 to 1944. Col. Alfred Voysey had service during the Philippine Campaign and World Wars I and II.

Aleppo's Honor Roll has 13 Gold Stars representing the following 13 Nobles who died in service during World War II:

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JAMES E. DREVER
PERCY D. GENEROUS
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WARREN R. HASTINGS
JOHN W. F. HOBBS
JOHN R. MARSHALL
WILLIAM W. MUNDY
CECIL J. PEASE
GEORGE B. SILTON
GUSTAVE SONNENBERG

The Nobles of Aleppo Temple who were members of the Armed Forces during World War II participated in the following campaigns and were stationed in the following foreign points. Europe — Battle of the Bulge, Rhineland, Central Europe, Northern France, Bastogne, Air Offensive, Ardennes, Normandy, Southern France, Arnhem; England; North Africa — Tunisia, French Morocco, Algeria; Italy — Anzio, Naples-Foggia, Northern Apennines, Sicily, Salerno, Rome-Arno, Po Valley; Pacific — Guadalcanal, Coral Sea, Bougainville, Anguar, Kerama Rhetto, Gilbert Islands, Pearl Harbor, Mariana Islands, Saipan, Iwo Jima, Philippines, Admiralties, Leyte, Mindanao, Truk, Milne Bay, Raboul, New Guinea, Tarawa, Peilulu, Okinawa, Attu, Marshall Islands, Palau, Eniwetok, Luzon, Tinian, Kwajalein, New Caledonia, Guam, Solomons; Australia; Mainland of Japan; Aleutian Islands; East Indies — Java; Egypt; Persian Gulf; China; Burma; India; Singapore; Iceland; Greenland; Panama — Bal-

boa, Coco Solo; South America — Ecuador, Brazil; Caribbean — Trinidad, Cuba; Newfoundland.

The following is a list of decorations won by Aleppo Nobles in World War II:

Army:
2 Distinguished Service Medals
13 Legion of Merits
1 Silver Star
24 Bronze Stars
6 Air Medals
7 Purple Hearts
15 Army Commendation Ribbons
12 Citations
5 Commendations
10 Presidential Unit Citations
5 Meritorious Service Plaques

Navy:
2 Navy Crosses
1 Navy Commendation Ribbon
5 Commendations
1 Unit Commendation

Foreign:
5 Croix de Guerre (French)
1 Legion D'Honneur (French)
1 Agricole Merite (French)
1 Fourragere (Belgian)
1 Citation (Chinese)

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Your 1946 Shrine Card is necessary to participate in the above Ceremonies.

ATTEST:

Harvey B. Leggee

Recorder
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Lionel G. H. Palmer

Illustrious Potentate



By J. ARTHUR MCCOY
Associate Editor

AT THE annual conclave of the Grand Commandery in October, George Weeks was elected Deputy Grand Commander. I think this must be the first time we have ever had a "Very Eminent" as an active member of the Patrol. At the same meeting, Robert G. Wilson, Jr. was elected Grand Captain General. Russ Lynn serves as D. G. Warder to George Weeks and Frank Ellis as D. G. Warder to Gardiner Wilson.


George Weeks and Clyde Carter attended the 43rd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment at Houston, Texas, October 27 to 31. On the return trip they spent a day in New Orleans and also visited Richmond, Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown.

Raymond Ellis of the third platoon was installed Eminent Commander of Sir Galahad Commandery of Waltham last month by V. E. George Weeks.

The Providence Shriners' Testimonial Dinner to P. P. Willard Lombard October 18 was graced by Eddie Dimock, Scotty Duncan, Tommie Wyman and Russ Lynn.

Cambridge Commandery is doing nicely this year with a line of officers including Em. William Clark as Sword Bearer, Bill Heiligmann as Standard Bearer, Em. Clyde Carter as Assistant Master of Ceremonies and, of course, other similarly distinguished personages.

We followed with interest the record of young Pilot Melvin Lynn, son of Russ Lynn. We are glad to learn that Melvin recently was raised to be a Master Mason by our Second Ceremonial Master, M. W. Albert A. Schaefer.



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1947 IMPERIAL COUNCIL CONVENTION TO BE IN ATLANTIC CITY

ADVANCE notice has just been received from the office of the Imperial Potentate announcing that the 73rd Annual Imperial Council Session will be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 27, 28 and 29, 1947.

Illustrious Noble Walter S. Jeffries, Past Potentate of Crescent Temple, has been designated as Director of the Convention. Noble Jeffries' appointment brings memories of the big Imperial Council Session held in Atlantic City in 1927 and 1933 when his brother, Earl E. Jeffries, Past Potentate and present Recorder of Crescent Temple of Trenton, was Director General and did an outstanding job.

After a lapse of 13 years the officers and Nobles throughout North America will gather once again in one of the Nation's largest playgrounds. It is expected that this post war Imperial Session will be attended by the largest number ever in attendance at an Imperial Council Session if the hotel and transportation facilities are in a position at that time to handle the caravans traveling from all parts of our continent.

Imperial Potentate George H. Rowe is to be congratulated in his choice of this Convention City, and we wish for him an outstanding, successful session.

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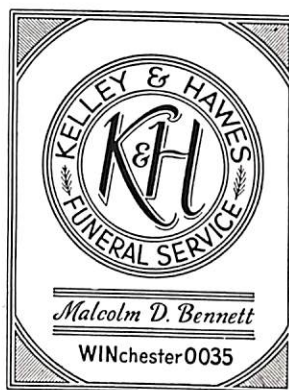
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By NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING
Associate Editor

THE Editor received a letter recently from Noble "Al" Newcombe, who used to toot the alto horn in the band. He used to live in Winthrop, Mass., but for some years past has been living in Los Angeles.

When Al first went to California he had a nut ranch. Not a human "nut" ranch but a nut nut ranch. He doesn't make any reference in his letter to "nuts." He doesn't even use the slang expression "Nuts to you!" although from the tone of his letter he may have thought it in connection with some of the Shrine Bandsmen he came in contact with, as he says they are darned cold to visiting Nobles, and do not extend the warm welcome accorded to visitors to Aleppo. Al says he looked for a visit from some of the old band gang during the Imperial Council convention out there. Evidently he did not realize that due to conditions the Aleppo Band and uniformed units were conspicuous by their absence at that convention. He writes, and we quote, "Perhaps in '48 I'll be able to toot a bit with them, as I understand the convention will be in L.A." O.K., Al, we hope we get a chance to greet you in the "City of Angeles" in 1948.

At a recent rehearsal we were pleased to receive a visit from Noble Harry Albro and his better half. Harry used to play in the brass section, and lived away down on Cape Cod, but now he is the Big Mogul in the Red Men, "Grand Sachem," we think is his official title. He sure qualifies as the Great American Traveler, as he has just completed a "swing around the circle," making an official visit to all parts of his I.O.M. Empire, North, South, East and West, and points between, even going up into Alaska. We forget how many thousand miles he covered, but the figure sounded like a fiscal report from Washington. He should be willing to stay "put" now, for a short time at least.

The Black Camel has again knelt at the door of the tent of one of our band boys. Noble T. Henry Nikola died very suddenly on Saturday, October 19, from a cerebral hemorrhage. He played with the band at the circus and was apparently in good health at that time. Noble Nikola was one of the faithful members of the band; play-

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ing in the clarinet section. He was always dependable and rarely missed a band function. To his sorrowing family we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

The next big event is the Fall Ceremonial. Gee whiz! It does not seem possible that we are nearing the end of 1946, but thank Heaven the weather has been nice and warm which will help out on the fuel situation. So why worry? You know "today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday." Untangle that one.



A STRANGER'S VIEWPOINT ON THE SHRINE HOSPITALS

MANY interesting stories have been written in the past of the work being done for crippled children at the Shrine Hospitals. Occasionally a story is written by a visitor to a hospital, who, although not a Shriner or a Mason, gives even a Shriner, a new picture of what these Houses of Magic are doing for unfortunate crippled youngsters.

The following story submitted by a New Bedford Noble and clipped from the New Bedford *Standard Times*, gives an idea what enjoyment a person can receive from helping others.

"Here is Testimony of What
Capitalism Can Do"
"By Charles B. Driscoll"

"Please keep in mind that I'm not a Shriner, nor a Mason, nor could I become one by any stretch of my own imagination. I have just spent two afternoons in the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Montreal. I have been talking and playing with some of the happiest children I have ever met. I'm not being paid for telling you about it. I tell you only because I think that in this decaying civilization we all should know something about what the culture called capitalism did for crippled children.

Forgive me if I become sentimental. You would, too, if you were with me.

I think of Lise (they pronounce it lease, as with a landlord) with the bright blonde hair. She is one year old. She was born

with a club foot. Fortunately for her the parents have no money. You can't get into one of these Shriners' hospitals if you can even pay a dime.

Lise greets me with a happy smile from her little chair at the entrance to one of the large rooms occupied by children suffering from many ailments. Lise comes from an indescribably poor home. Here she is getting more expert service than you can buy for your child even if you are an Imperial Potentate. Only the poor rate this kind of care.

There are 50 children in this modern hospital on the slope of a mountain that overlooks the city. Doesn't seem a very important unit to New Yorkers, who are accustomed to towering skyscrapers that are integrated into hospitals. But it takes more than bricks and mortar, money and medical degrees to make this kind of thing. These hospitals, of which there are now 16 in North America, treat each child as though it were the only unfortunate child in the world.

I talked with Billy, 15 years old, who spent seven years at a stretch in this little hospital. He comes back once in every few months. He was hopelessly afflicted with tuberculosis of the spine. It was not suspected by his family or doctors that he ever could sit up, walk or go about the business of living. He lay over a drum shaped bed, on his back, for years. He is a bright, smiling, ambitious boy and will be at work earning an honest living any day now. He didn't talk a bit like some of the rich Communists I've talked to in New York lately. He doesn't hate God. He loves Shriners and other capitalists. I don't blame him.

Surprising to me, only because I have known nothing about the work, is the fact that in this hospital, during the last year, the patients have included 2,814 Catholics, 2,791 Protestants of all denominations, 107 Jews, and 10 Mohammedans.

There is no denominationalism about infantile paralysis, club foot, poverty or tuberculous spine. It was a Samaritan, a despised foreigner, who picked up the injured man at the roadside and took him into town. He also paid the bill in advance."



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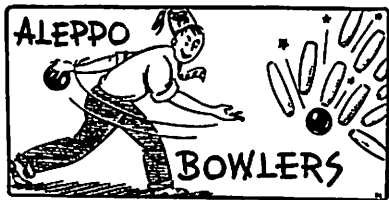
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By VAIL K. HAAK

HERE we are back again after a six months' vacation with news of the Bowling Nobles. Season at this writing is two weeks old, which means that the bowlers have hardly got their bearings after their summer of relaxation and various diversions.

Ernie Woodman is off to a flying start by rolling the high 3 of 333, high single of 120 and leading the averages with 103. Runner-up in the averages is a new comer to the league, Noble Albion Bjorklund, with an average of 101. Noble Bjorklund used to bowl with Milt Kerr at Hingham. Looks like Harold Chase and a few other of the top flight birds will have to look to their laurels this season.

The "Assistant Rabbans" captained by Jerry Jones led the league with 8 wins and no losses with the "Ceremonial Masters," led by Harry Gordon in second place with 7 wins and 1 loss. Incidentally Harry Gordon was installed as Commander of the Brookline Post, American Legion this Fall.

Nice to have Jim Greig back bowling regularly again. Looks like the same old master, and I am sure glad to have him bowling on my team.

Aleppo is again represented in the Amateur Boston Pin League and after 3 matches they are tied with Winthrop Yacht Club for first place.

Since the last column of the Bowling News I have been informed that the Black Camel has visited two active members and two former members of our league: Dr. George L. Howland, Herbert Dyer, Almon H. Parker and Guy H. Cummings.

"Doc" Howland died at Bailey Island,

Maine, August 6. He was a practicing physician in Jamaica Plain for 37 years and was prominent in Massachusetts Masonic Circles. He left no surviving relatives; his wife, the former Aimee Fuller, died three years ago. He graduated from Tufts Medical School in 1913. "Doc" was a member of St. John's Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Boston, St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter, Boston Council of Royal & Select Masters, Boston Commandery No. 2 Knights Templar, the Scottish Rites Bodies of Boston and Massachusetts Consistory, Keystone Chapter 18 O.E.S. of Massachusetts, Ancient Mystic Order of Samaritans of United States and Canada, and Omar Grotto of Boston. He joined Aleppo Temple in November, 1913. He was an honorary member of the Daniel Hersey Lodge of Odd Fellows and Trismount Encampment of Odd Fellows.

Herbert Dyer died suddenly October 23 the night before our bowling season opened. He was a resident of South Boston and had no close surviving relatives as a sister died a few years ago. "Herb" was a member of St. John's Lodge of Boston and DeMolay Commandery. He joined Aleppo Temple in August, 1921. He was retired from the Boston Consolidated Gas Co.

Almon H. (Capt.) Parker of West Medford died September 12. He was one of the charter members of the bowling league and served as our first treasurer. He was formerly associated with the real estate firm of Minot, Williams and Banks and was prominent in local Masonic circles. He was a member of John Abbot Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Somerville, Royal Arch

Chapter of Somerville, Coeur de Lion Commandery of Charlestown, Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association and Fraternal Chapter, O.E.S. of Somerville. He joined Aleppo Temple in December 1910. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary S. Parker, and three sons, Raymond E. (who formerly bowled with us), Carl I. and Ralph N. Parker. To his family the league wishes to express their deepest sorrow.

Guy Horace Cummings of Randolph, who bowled with us a year ago, died June 8. He was a member of Macedonian Lodge, A.F.&A.M., the Scottish Rites Bodies of Boston and Massachusetts Consistory. He joined Aleppo Temple in June 1914. His wife and daughter survive him.

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CIRCUS TICKET RETURNS ARE OVER-DUE!

THERE are many Nobles who have made no returns on the membership tickets in connection with the Sixth Annual Shrine Circus held in Boston Garden last month. The Circus Committee is appealing to all Nobles who have not made their returns to assist them in closing the books by forwarding at once all returns to the Aleppo Shrine Activities, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston. They are asking for your assistance and cooperation in completing their records so they may close their books on the Sixth Annual Aleppo Temple Circus.

In the October issue of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS an appeal was made for the payment of all membership circus tickets used as well as donations to replace those used by the committee to admit under privileged and crippled youngsters. Again this year the demand far out numbered the supply of tickets donated by the Nobles who joined the Daddy Club, by purchasing circus tickets and forwarding them to the committee with their check to pay for the same. Each ticket purchased and returned allowed two youngsters to go as their guests and the Noble was listed as a member of the Daddy Club. Tickets are still being purchased and returned for this purpose and the committee would appreciate further donations to help balance the Daddy Club ticket account.

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DR. HATT RETURNS TO THE HONOLULU SHRINE HOSPITAL

GOING back to his "first love" in Shrine hospital work after release from service in the Army Medical Corps, Dr. R. Nelson Hatt, for sixteen years chief surgeon of the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children in Springfield, Mass., is returning to the Shriners' Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii, as chief surgeon, the position he held before coming to Springfield. Dr. Hatt, as Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Medical Corps, served overseas through most of World War II; later was appointed chief of the Orthopedic Section at Cushing General Hospital in Framingham, Mass., where he was serving when released from army duty on September 16.

Following up a report that Dr. Hatt was not to return to the Springfield hospital, the Anahgram editor asked the doctor for information on the subject. "Good old Doc" replied in characteristic fashion, as you can see by his letter which is quoted here, although not in full:

"16 September, '46

"Dear Fred:

The Surgeon General released me from his list of frozen specialists today. Orders to report to Ft. Dix will come out during the week and once more the title will be 'Old Doc Hatt.' I kinder like to think that although I have played soldier with the rest of them the G.I. never mistook me for anything else than his doctor.

"Twenty-three years ago a young feller — not dry behind the ears surgically speaking — went to Honolulu to set up a Shriners' Hospital. In 1926 he was transferred to Springfield and for sixteen years no man ever enjoyed his work more and none ever received a finer, spiritually, whole-hearted support from his fellow men. However, thru the years, the 'call of the Islands' has persisted and at the end of four years in service the invitation to return to Honolulu was irresistible. The date set is around 1 October.

"Of course the Islands may spoil me for a 'down east' winter, but come a day when my work as a surgeon is finished, there's a little farm up near Mooshead; and possibly Anah might accept me to membership on transfer. My affection for old friends does not change with location. . . ."

While every Anah Noble is glad Dr. Hatt is going back to work amid scenes and people he enjoyed years ago, we all regret there won't be a renewal of the intimate friendly relations we have enjoyed with this prince of good fellows. And what a sigh of regret is going to be heard from those hundreds of youngsters who were so capably treated by Dr. Hatt at the Springfield hospital, and who loved and revered him for his cheery, sympathetic personality! We're sure *The Anahgram* speaks from the heart of Anah's entire Nobility when it says: "Sorry to have you go so far away, Doc, but here's wishing you the very best of health, happiness and success. Don't forget us; we'll never forget you! And do come up and see us some time — soon!"

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